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A curious instance of the inconsistency of modern black republicanism is afforded by its simultaneous support of large naval appropriations and opposition to free ships. The sensible and popular idea regarding a navy is that one of the chief reasons for icourring its expense is the protection it affords the commerce of the country to which it belongs, always, of course, supposing that that commerce is carried on in vessels belonging to the same country. Now the pavy of this country has no such use, for, owing to existing laws. American merchants must either buy their vessels from northern ship builders and pay twice as much for them as they would have to pay if they could buy them abroad, or do without them, and, the consequence is that American commerce is carried on almost entirely in foreign ships, and an American flag, flying in a foreign port, is a rare sight. The chief reason then for a pary being wanting, why should the people of the country be | and the streets to day present an appearance taxed heavily to support an expensive one? Either let the commerce of the country be car ried on in American vessels, by allowing American merchants to buy ships in the cheapest market, and so have a commerce to protect and | and anathematizing in no moderate manner the defend, or else cut down the naval appropriations to the lowest possible minimum compatible with such (xpenses as must be iccurred in to the receivable to which he has recently been accommodating ox Capars and their families called in Colvett county, Maryland. He was and friends on pleasure trips around the worldabout the only use to which the American Biry cin now be devoted. One way of reduc attached will be gled to learn that he is lacking ing the present great expenses of the pavy, and | well and happy and that his course after leadone which we hope may be adopted as soon as the democrats obtain both branches of Congress, will be the abolition of the pavy yard system, and the rutting out of required work

America has long since ceased to be "the land of the free;" many doubt whether it onetipues to be "the home of the brave," and now it is to be so longer "the rafage of the oppressid of all pasions." At the Cabinet meeting yesterday it was decided that the Secretary of State should open formal negotiations with the Chinese government for modifications of the Burlingame treaty, with a view to placing res rictions upon Chinese immigration tothis coun try. Bat what is to be denied the mild mannered and almond eyed sons of far Cathay has been conferred upon the "ebo shin and gizzard footed against in no small degree by the prevailing denizing of barbarous Africa," who may come | cold weather. Among those at the matiaco is swatma and be cutitled to all the right; and to day were several Alexandrians. privileges of American citizenship.

President Gowen, of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, accounces to the micers of the handsome legacy by the death of his stepfather Schujkill region that the rate of wages to be in Baltimore, paid by the company in 1879 will be determinel by the price of anal and governed by a minimum established by the rate of freight and tolls, exactly as it was in 1878, and that the prospect for steady work is better than it ever was before. He thicks the price of coal and therate of freight will undoubtedly be lower than they were last year.

A project is on toot in Cuba, favored by Governor General Campos, for the colonization of one hundred sugar plantations near Nipe bay, on the nertheast enast of the island. Plantations capable of producing four hundred horsheads of sugar can be purchased for thirty thousand dollars, of which but five thousand is required in cash, and the purchasers to be exempt from contribution and import and export duties for five years.

A subscriber at Front Royal, Warren county, in forwarding his subscription writes :- "I feel that I cannot get along without the Gazette. Differing with it upon some questions, yet its independent, outspoken, able course, commends it to the candid, intelligent reader, and besides it is enterprising acd newsy, and very justly ocenpies a commanding position among the journals of the State."

A portrait of the late Catef Justice Taney, painted by Miss Strong, of Washington. daughter of Mr. Justice Strong, of the Su preme Court, has been purchased by some of the members of the Law Association of Philadelphia, and is intended to be hung in the library speciabili iss of the place; they wen: to church of the association. The picture is life size, and was painted from the original in the Supreme Court room at Washington.

It is said that the new system of compensating postmasters by the number of stamps cancelled in their offices, instead of the quantity sold, as formerly, has affected a saving of of the way places; while those at first afraid of \$224 279 during the first quarter of the present fiscal year. There has been a great diminution in the sale of stamps, owing to undus sales having been made by postmasters before the ary southes also succumbed to necessity, and new system went into operation.

The subscriptions to the government four per cent. loan yesterday amounted to \$2,613,-180. The Mint Bureau has returned into the United States Treasury \$575 000 as profits accruing from the eciasge of the standard silver doller during the past three weeks. The entire graphs from Truro, Cornwall, as follows :profit from this source has been \$1,600,000.

In addition to the election of Garcelon, demoorat. Governor of Maine, as noticed in yesterday's Gazette, the legislature in joint conven tion elected all the State officers nominated by though there was a slight run on the bank. It the democrats and greenbackers.

entered upon its 18th volume. In every re- ness in mining and other commercial enterspect it is a most excellent paper and well merits its success.

We have received a copy of the Illustrated

The Auditor of the State r commends that The Auditor of the State r commends that there shall of her be an increase of 25 c ms in offerd min " upwards of 150 cons me were the rate of texation, or that the copitation of the violently ill, some miscreant having mixed be raised to \$2, the M. Hatt in nor lawerell 48 So as to . X of a specific liceuse in Tebate, LX cept for the cost of the

and a stamp to aced that the Mexican government third instalment-three hundred thousand dollars-of the indemnity to American citizens, due this menth.

In weather like this, let your sympathy for the poor take a more practical and benevolent shape than sitting in front of a warm fire commiserating the sufferings of those who have no coals to bure.

Everything is at par this weather.

PROM WASHINGTON.

SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Jap. 4. J. S. Watson has been appointed U. S.

gauger in the 5th district of Virginia. Among the Virginians I met here to-day was one from the country immediately below Alexandria. He informed me that a bill had passed one branch of the Virgicia Legislature submitting the question of the repeal of the read law now in operation in his, Mr. Vernen, distriet to the voters of the district, and that if it passed the other branch and became a law, the land owners there would be put, not only to great expense, but great trouble, as it would

take millions of rails for the required fences,

and that the timber was not there to make

them, as it had been destroyed by the armica

encamped there during the war. The temperature has moderated considerable resembling to some degree what they usually wear, but cotwithstanding the attraction of the wind the cold is still severe enough to keep many of the ladies, who would otherwise be ex bibiting their pedal bestitudes, securely housed,

weather clerk who keeps them within doors. Among the strangers I met here to day was Rev. William Mumford, who was on his way formerly Lieutenant Colonel of the 17th Vir ginia and all the members of that regiment and all of the old brigade to which the 17th was ing him over many rough roads now lays by the still waters and green pastures, and that his ways are those of pleasantness and his paths those of prace.

Another cell for the redemption of ten mil lions of the five-twenty U. S. bonds was made to day, the second since the new year began. Twenty millions within feur days ex-hibit in no imperfect light the rapidity with which the feur per cent boods are being bought as investments, though the sale of such a large amount doesn't look well for renewed business somvity. Business prospects are not cheering when people are willing to put their money in four per ceuts.

Nothing has yet been heard of the ten thousand dollars stolen from the government pricting office last Thursday, and it is now put down with Charlie Ross, the Stewart remaies, and the other things that will never be found.

The opera seasou closes to day. The attack ance has been only tolerable, and was militated

Mr. Alorga Mills, an old Alex cashier at the well known and exposive wine and liquor store of Shoomaker & Herizog, in this city, has lately come into postession of a

Among the clerks retained in the effect of the District Assessor bere is Mr. II. M. Firz-

hugh, formerly of Alexandria. Gov. Holliday, of Virgicia, passed through here last night on his way to Richmond. He said he was almost certain the bondholders' proposition for a settlement of the State debt would be secepted, but that whether accepted or not he had usde his record on the debt question, and was satisfied with it.

The Old Coaching Days.

Is the days when I was a boy, says on Hoglish writer, the old stage corches of England were just being improved off the road. Some of my readers may doubt the propriety of the the old melodies and are ford of the ditty. "Sicg me one of the old songe," so there are persons existing now who love to recall the old coach days. They enjoyed the rattle of the jah parliamentary elections. stage cosch over the stones of the old town, up to the White Hart, or the Red Lion, or the King's Arms. There groups of loungers stood waiting for the smoking team to give place to the four glossy roadsurs, while the polished brass on the hargess sperkled like burnised

geld in the sueshine. Then the coachman awang his sixteen stone weight off the box with a Weller-like digitiy, for which only practice could bring perfection. Certainly there was more "humanity" in the around the city, and all the non-combatants picture than in ugly trains and unaderned railway stations and tuonels and general crush and confusion. The old conches were picture and enough in the landscape, and the old inus were as pulike modero gio palaces as ean possibly be conceived! They were generally kent, too, be staid and respectable members of acciety, who erood well with the vicar and the general rewith considerable regularity, and flowned on improprities loside or cutside the har parlors. There were exceptions, of course, but in the

main this is a true statement of the case. However, their times was over, and the old coaches passed away with great dignity, and with no revolutionary hubbub. They continued io many places to run for a time to quiet, out trains, and those who had protested they would never travel by them, had time to cat their own words, in quiet and unstarting sort of way. But in the course of a few years these subsidi were draughted off for holiday purposes, or quietly shanted away into roomy old stables, where they might earn a crust now and then in summer excursions, or gently propore them selves for disentegration.

Another English Bank Suspension LONDON, January 4 -A correspondent tele Great consternation was manifested here this morning in consequence of a notice posted on the door of the Corrist Bank, appouncing that t was closed. Unfavorable reports had been in circulation for a few days as to its stability. but the general feeling was of confidence, al is hoped that the su-pension will be only tomporary, but nothing definite can be known for The Marlboro' (Ma.) Prince Georgian, has a few days. The back did a very large busi-

Fire.

PITTSTON, Pa.. Dec. 4 .- John Taylor's and James Frick's dwellings, with their contents were totally destroyed by fire last night The Annual of Phrenology and Health Almanae for fire is supposed to have originated from a de. 1879, published by S. R. Wells & Co., 737 fective fibe. Loss over \$5,000. There is a small 7:30, reached here at 9:15, and the southwest and letters. Mr. Maitby's argument in behalf fective fibe. Loss over \$5,000. There is a small for insurance on both houses.

rates oil with the food.

A meeting will be held in New York Monday the register tax per ditak-mr, an oyster tax evening to favor of such revision of the tariff on sugars and to protest against adulteration in refined sugars and syrups.

C. W. Bathgate, of Jerome Park, purchased on Tuesday the famous two year old "Spendthrift," paying \$15,000 and 25 per ct. of his wichings in 1879. He was the property of D. Swigert, of Woodford cousty, Ky.

Chas, Luggley, of Nicholasville, Ky., at tempted to light a fire from a coal oil lamp, when the lamp expleded, fatally burning Langley and one child, and seriously injuring another child. The house caught fire end was entirely destroyed.

Judge Choate, of the federal court at New York, yesterday, decided to remand Rod Leary, the alleged Northampton, Mass., bank robber, to the sheriff for extradition. Counsel, however, applied for a stay to file a petition for an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. One week's stay was granted.

A squad of 50 revenue men under Captain Barnside, have returned from a raid upon the moonshizers in the border counties of Kentucky and Tennessee. They report the destruction of over filly distilleries and the capture of a large number of distillers. It is thought the business is protty well broken up in that region.

Olyphaet & Co., New York merchants in the China trade, have made an assignment. Actual assets \$188,261; liabilities \$645,000. Among the creditors are the Republic of Peru. \$95 252; Drexel, Morgan & Co., (secured.) \$95 936; J. S. Morgan & Co., London, (secured,) \$26 546; Browe, Shiples & Co., Lon-don. \$97,285, and Forbes & Co., London, \$150,597.

Some twenty persons yesterday gave bail in \$1,000 each, at New Orleans, to appear for trial before the United States Circuit Court at New Orleans, I.a., charged with frauds at the recent election. Fifteen persons, arrested in Natchitoches parish by a deputy United States marshal, charged by Coham Horosby with driving him from the parish during the late campaign, have arrived in New Orleans.

Nosh Williams and "Modee" Gainey made arrangements to rob the store of Watts Bond, at Oskland, Indians, Thursday night. Their scheme was discovered. A number of civizens waited for them in a saloon near by. The burglars visited the saloan for Equor, and the citizoes opened fire. Within tores minutes over thirty shots were fired. Williams was killed and Gaincy fatally wounded. Heary Nercon, n ciczen, was slightly wounded in the face. The robbers had with them a fine set of burg-

CHROINIA NEWS.

The James river at Richmond is closed

Dr. Jos. F. Caldwell died in Lawisburg last week, aged S5 years.

According to the Ray. James Hodgson this world is coming to an end to morrow. Audrew S. White, a native of Albemarle

county, died recently in New Orleans. A Pintsylvania farmer butcherod fifteen bogs,

the average not weight of which was 552 lbs. A new building association has been organized

Virginia, in the hands of a Virginia agent, for 15 000 acres of land.

At Danville, last week, Henry Bethell, a colored boy, was accidentally shot and killed by another oblered boy.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Chesaake and Chio railroad will be held to Richmond on the 7th of January. George Shull, of Augusta county, fell from

confiding of a new barn last week and received injuries from which he died in a few days. Portamouth has lost one of its principal his toric characters in the death of Henry Eberhart, tailer, who was a soldier of Napoleon. He was

bern in Switzerland in 1791. Track laying on the Shenandoah Vailey rail road reached Shepherdstown, on Wednesday last, and large crowds witnessed the entrance of the construction train into towe.

Dale Carter, a prominent citizen of Russell county, died on Toursday. He was a member of the Legislature previous to the war, and of the first Assembly after the war, and of the constitutional convention in 1852.

It is said that the Governor will shortly is sue writs of election on the sheriffs of the various counties composing the First Congressions district, for an election to fill the vacance caused word "improved," for just as some people like by the death of Hon. Beverly B. Douglas, member of Congress from that district.

FOREIGN AEWS.

The radicals have lost somewhat in the Dan-

The Porte has advised the Bey of Punis to come to an amicable arrangement with France. A plague has broken out among the Ccs sacks of Astracher; of 195 attacked, 143 died. Moncasi, the would be regicide, will suffer death by the garrote to day, after spending 24

hours in a chapel erected in his cell. The Afghans apparently design to defend Caniabar. They have flooded the country

have been ordered to leave. The ichabitants of Pedgorina reluse to submit to the Balla treaty, and the dwellings of ci izens of Spuz who tendered submission to Montenegro have been demolished.

LATER.

LONDON, Jap. 4 .- Another death has occarrod smoog the seamen who were wounded by the explosion of the gua on the Thunderer.

AN ARCHBISHOP'S REVENUE, -Archbishops Samper and Longley were both widowers when appointed to the British primacy. So for twenty years, 1848 68, there was no wife to preside at Lamaeth Paieca, and now the death of Mrs. Tait (first onusin of Bishop Wilbertorce), a lady eminently qualified for her high position, again makes a conspicuous black in the archiopiscopal halls. When on a revision of Epis copal salaries, Camertury's was fixed at so targe a sum as \$75,000-being \$25 000 more than the salary of any other prelate in the world, it was in a large degree in view of the dignified hospitality deemed befitting the office. and, of course, in dispensing bospitality it is of immente advantage to an Archbishop to be assisted by a capable belomate.

FRANCIS JOSEPH -Tue Emper of Austria is & tall, spare man, of soldierly bearing, who does not look much over 40 though he is nearer 50; with sandy hair cropped close to the head, and turning an iron gray, with regulation military whishers and mustache, small, restless gray eye and the blunt features and heavy lips which dis-tinguish the Hapsburg family. He has patience, tact, and a degred spirit of hard work master of six Buropean languages, and wins the hearts of his subjects by addressing deputations from Hungary, Bohemia Austrian Poland and Crotia each in their mo hertongue. He is personally very popular all over the empire.

The Weather.

NEW YORK, January 4 -North river was were rupping, though trips were irregular and VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

The Legis'acure met uguie, after the holi days yesierday, but there was a slim attendance of members, and no business was done.

The Secate was in sessing tur twinty minutes, during which time the Commune for Courts of Justice was instructed to inquire inas will provide for the honest collection of duties to the expediency of reporting a bill providing that warrants for debt may be tried in any county or city in which the debt was engineeted, the debter being duly summoned thereis. The House of Delegates was in session also

> about twenty minutes. In the absence of Speaker Allen, the House was called to order by Mr. J. H. Kobinson, of Norfolk. There were only thirty seven mainbers in their seats.

Mr. MoUabe, from Londona county, presented the following bill, which was referred to the committee:

Be it enacted, &n., That section 6, chapter 104 of the code of 1873, in regard to marriages, &c., be amended and re-enseted as as to tead

as fellows : "Marriages between persons belonging to any religious denomination or sectory which has no ordained minister may be solumnized by the persons and in the manner prescribed by and practiced in any much society. But may be selemoized by each of said persons tak | plied, namely, that the Bible is "the word of ing the other by the hand and declaring, in the God, and, below the word of God, must be presence of at least six witnesses, all then pre- lefalibly true, sent, that they take each other to be husband and wite. The liceose, with an endersement thereon, that said marriage has been salamnized, signed by the parties and attested by said wat pesses, shall be returned to the court from which it issued, and the cirk thereof shall enter on his record 'married in the presence of witnesses.

The Auditor sent in a report of the operations of the Moffett liquor law, showing the to tal receipts from the time of its commencement to be \$472,384, being an excess of \$210,638 over the assessments of the preceding year, which, after deducting the rebates allowed up der the law, leaves a net balance of \$110 761 in excess of the results of the old law. The Auditor says the result of the experiment she was clearly that the law is expable of being made a most powerful agency for raising revenue, and suggests a number of modifications and changes to that end.

Bills were introduced and referred for the relief of the suraties of Peyton R. Ford, late exilector of Madison county; author 2 ng the classification of the stock of the Norfolk Library Association; and to incorporate the Good Templars' R liet Association of L udoup.

Leaves of absence were granted to the fellowdays each; Harvie, Hunter, Coghill, Patish and away the force of the idea into the develop-Boccek, 2 days each; Pitts, 7 days, Carlott, 15 meet of the Christian Church, or into the days; Michie, 6 days.

The Heavens in January.

Dariez January and February the heavens present the most interesting views to the noked | and alory of His Church. But the Prophette | Conference took issue with these explanations eye. Nearly all of the brightest stars and the -most justly, as it spems to me. It contended most beautiful constellations are above the hor- that these explanations are too abstract and iz to the greater part of the long eights. The | general for such concrete prophesies as those gittering orbs which suided the accient maris contained in the Bible; wherein, it seems to me, ners, and by which the pavigators of mode n it was entirely right. Let any unprejudiced times have been enabled to make openes "the person compare these explanations with the highways of nations," can all be traced without prophecies in question, and I am sure that he the assistances of the telescope the first months | will say the conference was right; that its exof the year.

About the middle of January Capella, the more rational and just then that of other principal star in Aurige, will be nearly over. Coristian supernaturalists. The explanationat Winchester, with Mr. James B. Russeil as principal star in Auriga, will be learly overbead at 10 o'clock. At the same time Read which these effer us are the meres: makes hifte
lus in Leo will be almost due east about 25° in the world to save the infallibility of the Biblio
above the horizon. Betelguez and Rigel, the " Their name is legion, and they can brightest stars in Orion, will be near the me- not be explained away into the coming of Jesus redian, and in the northeast by porth the stars in the power and glory of His church, or into comprising the Dipper in the Great Bear may the death of individual believers. Upon this ed to be allowed the privilege of cuting on that appear, while the Pleisdes. Hyades, Castor, head the conference was entirely sound. Before part which I had rested norther a bridge. Pollux, and the diamond of Pegarus can all be its bar the general church was convicted of al-Pollux, and the diamond of Pegarus can all be lits bar the general church was convicted of altraced in the nocturnal sky. In addition to most willful blindness to the plainest teach-these the most lateresting of the variable stars, logs of the New Testament. Nothing has yet Algol, in the head of Medias, may be observed in the northwest, about 60° high. The changes he regarded as a fulfillment of the New Testa- no more until Tunday at noon, when he (B) in the brightness of the star when near to the ment prophecies of Christ's return. What times of its greatest dimness on be noticed then? Is the New Testament mistaken? with the unaided eye, and it is said that the is impossible for God to lie," and equally im-French astronomer Lalande was in the habit of parathle for him to be mistaken. The voice of lingeriog on some of the biliges over the Scine | the New Testament being His voice, those of Mr. Duncan, who was fl ling my buse, and inand directing the attention of the passers by to its prophecies which have not yet come trus structed him to cut away the strif which Branthe variations in the light of this necturnal sen. which come true at some time in the future, soon non had offered me in exchange for that he had In about three and a baif hours Algoi passes or late. Such was the argument. And to my from a star of the second magnitude to one of mind, accepting its original premise—the Bible the fourth, continues less brilliant for about is the word of God-it was without a flaw. The fifteen minutes, and in three and a half hours conference wisely refrained from fixing the exreturns to its former brightness, which it retains and day of Christ's reappearance. for a period of between sixty and sixty one hours. Why these changes cour are questions which scientists cannot fully soswer. Some have supposed them to be caused by a semiopeque body passing at regular intervals around the star, while others, with greater probability, have advanced the theory that one portion of Alcol is less lumicous that the rest, and that I by the revolution of that body on its exis the darker parts are turned as stated periods toward the carth. If this is the real cause of the phenomenon, it shows that those distant sucs, like the central lumisary of the solar system. revolve on an axis, and it also affords another proof of the similarity between these crbs, which irradidate the sky and the great source

of light and heat to the carth. During January Venus will increase in oil-liancy as the evening star, and Jupiter, which erry to erawl out by way of any such doubtful has shown with such beauty during the autumo, will at the close of the month be near its con- great m-jerity of Christian people, Toe on transfer with the sun, and will not appear again troppe foreshadowed in the New Testament junction with the sun, and will not appear again

as evening star until September. Saturo, though one of the most interesting of the planets when viewed through the telescope, reveals none of those wonders to the it is literally God who says that such and such naked eye which puzzled Galileo and which things will come to pass, and we must accept the Hayghens half a century later found to be due to rings surrounding the planet. Mars, which eighteen months ago attracted so much attention by the discovery of its moons, is gradually ocreasing its distance from the earth, and is becoming less conspicuous. No planet exhibits a greater difference to brilliancy than Mars when in opposition to the sun, and when near its entjanction with that luminary. When at its least distance from the earth this placet has been examined with more success than any other of the heavenly bodies. Numerous draw logs of the appearances presented by its our face have been made, and striking proofs have been obtained of a resemblance in the climatic changes in rain and soow and in long parrow expanses of water similar to what is observed on the globe which forms the residence of man. But while the earth may be regarded as a hu mid planet, two thirds of its surface being ony ered by water, at least one half of the area of in front of him, and, looking into his face, saw Mars is dry land. Its period of rotation on its that the mule was asleep. He walked around, axis, or its day, is nearly the same is a day on the earth; but its year, or period of revelucion around the suo, is almost equal to two years on the earth. The seasons, therefore, on Mara are about double the length of those witnessed by he inhahirants of this sublunary sphere .-

Philadelphia Times. THE CASE OF GEN PORTER -The examina tion of witnesses in the Fi z John Porter case was continued and concluded at West Point, yesterday. Meisrs. Wheeler, J. T. Liachman and W. P. Hereford, of Pricos William compy, Ve., testified that the house at the well as deecribed by Orderly Deer was not built until long after the time of the campaign in question, and that Bethlebem Church has never had a steeple. They also testified no such person as Judge Baker, mentioned by a former govercment witness, has ever lived in that part of the country. General Porter's counsel submitted full of ice this morning, but all the ferry boats a number of documente, consisting of three let ters of General Pope to the Secretary of War delays frequent. The eastern mails are in and to Goneral Sherman, a paper which was guilty yesterday to three more indistments on time, and the southern mails, due at 6 and seet to the War D partment, and other papers

The Prophetic Conference.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Will you be so kind as to publish fir the in ermation of your readers the following ex raot irom a serm non 'Toe Prophetic Conference,' Stand U i mian Church, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday, Nov. 17th, 1878." It is testimony from a most newxpected quarter to the thoroughness with which the work of the Corfereecs was done, and will rapay the most thoughtful and attentive consideration.

|Extract. |

WM. DINWIDDIE.

Another itsion of the Prophetic Conference s that the notion of the Bible as a supernatural revelation is the great stronghold of all modern Christian superstition. Go to the papers water were read before the conference, and read them car fully, as I have done, and see how well they have together, how closely and calmly reasoned they are, with what clustics of learsiog, with what manifest love of truth, with weat sincerity and earnestness. For a moment you will feel like saylor, "almost thou persua-dest me to be a Second Adventist." As far as they go, these papers are all reasonable and The nareasonableness and blunder and irrationship are not in what is said, but in what is not said, or barely biored at; in what is imturn." sait Dr. Ting. "is the basis of all knowl edge that the Lord Jesus will, in any wise, return to this earth. No other votes than that of God eso absolutely teratell. His band alone can draw the veil which laides the things to come. If He is silent, we must remain in ig normee. When He speaks every doubt dies. If we are mistaken in our Bible, then our feetring may be an illusion. If these sacred backs he received, not as the word of man, but, as they are, the word of God, then is our oun-fidence rational." And I for one give my cotire assent to this position. Receive the Bible as the word of God in any soon special and au theritative sense as in here intended, and there is nothing left for us but to believe in the over imminent coming of the Lord Jesus."

The arrument is this: The Bible-New Test tament and Old-abounds in predimious of the second coming of Christ. lo the New Testa ment along there are three hundred pas agen which all ule to this event. But if the Bible prophecies the second coming of Jesus, then (the Eible being the word of God, and it being "hepossible for God to lie")-then either death of the individual believer. Christ comes to us, say those who are of this way d thinking, when we go to Him; or. Carist has come again already in the power planation of the prophecies is a thousand times

transpired which can in any valid sense "1t How then? Are we obliged to take into our

lives this tremendously overpowering, overshadowing idea of "Christ's ever imminent return" to judge the world and raise the need and to my original question. Must we accept into our lives the tremendously overpowering and over-the conductive the cond overturn the present order of society? For if we ives the tramendously overpowering and overshadowing idea of Christ's ever-imminent return? No, we must not. And why? Because, from est to lest, the arguments of the Prophetic Conference rested upon the fundamental assumption that the Bible is "the word of God," and as contended to receive stripes. From this faight tion that the Bible is "the word of God," and as such is infallible, and, therefore, what it predicts must surely come to pass. Were we convinced that it had a perfect right to make this assumption we should be obliged to go with the conference all the remainder of its solemn and portenexplanations as those which seem to satisfy too can not be identified with any second coming of Christ in the power and giory of his Church Accept the as-umption of the Prophatic Conference that the Bible is "The word of God." that conclusion of the conference, also, and from her ceforth live in continual expectation of the second coming of Christ and adjust our lives in every part to such an expectation.

A MELE'S REVERSED POWER -This mule

looked like he was 123 years old, and was dead standing upon his feet. He was hitched to a pine-bodied spring wagon, with a high dashboard The 'team" was standing on the levee in mute silence, while the old darkey who "driv" it went abourd the wharf boat. A tramp could make a barrel of money selling pictures of that mule, labelled "l'atience" His long, flabby ears hung down each side of his head like win-His long, flabby dow awaings with rods out of them. His lace were a sober look, while out of his mouth hung s tongue eight inches long Histail swung down from the rest end of his harricane roof like a wet rope, while his whole body seemed as motionless as death itself. Presentiv a red-headed urchen, with an old boot in his hand, walked up climbed up into that wagon, leaned over the dash-board, lifted that mule's tail, and let it come fown in time to esteh a death grip on that boot leg. That mule woke up so quick that he kicked the boy and the dash-board twenty feet into the air. Be didn't stop there He changed the position of his cars, bauled in his tongue, planted his fore feet, and his head between his knees, and from the fore shoulders to the tip of his trunk was in lively motion, and he didn't look like he was more than two years old, the way he was kicking that old wagon budy into kindling wood with his hees. He had it all to himself, and was doing fine, when the old darkey rashed up the hil, got in front of him, and grabbing him by each ear, shout-d, "Woos! I tell you. Wat's de matter wid you? Whos up," and looking around at the crowd, yelled, "Will some o' you gemmen git dat er boot leg out wile Thole him? Base de Waggin's mine an' I jest berrowed de mu'es' But no one vestured, and when we left his beels had almost reached the tail gate, and the old darkey was still yelling "Whoat"-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Dr. Mattieen, who was found guilty of forgers at Belvidere, N. J., Toursday, pleaded charging him with the same crime. The rest of the ladictments, nine in number, were not moved agains; bim, and he was remanded.

Wife Murder and Suicide.

TAULION, MASS, Jan. 4 -At about one o'clock this meratog Gardner Tingley of E. s. At leboro, out his wife's throat, killing beafter which he can his own throat. Nicon was with them at the time but Mrs. Tirgl y's mouler. It appears that at the time above stated Tingley threatened the lives of his wife and their two children, and his wife's mother went to give the alarm, but when officers prived Mrs. Tingley was dead, and her murderer just alive, though it is thought he will recover, He has a twin brother in the funatio asy um le an attempt at morder. Mrs. Tiegley was about 30 years old, and ber husband is of a like and

Enbor Question.

LONDON, Japunty 4 .- There are ledie migh, of an intention on the part of the employers in the West of Scotland to defere a resurre to the aggregate of fifty four hours as the weaching quota of laber. Oue er two large establishmente have already posted notices to that effect. The men have as yet taken no netion on the antices. but will hold a meeting for that surpose next

26 THE ALLEGED LARGERY CASE -- 1 NOR space in the Gazate for my statement of the facts about the "alleged largesty of to," as published Thursday evening, with which my name was unpleasantly associated. Such a publication is calculated to damage my character which through thirty-three years of fair decling and honest labor has been established in this city and county, and never before in any manner impresched, and which, in my old age, to cannot allently permit myself to be deprived of. As to the facts: I contracted with Mr. Jone d. Beach to cut and deliver his ico from the cans. which I was engaged in doing. James Branco had been previously eagaget in catting and do livering ice from the caust for other parties, and while to dagaged no can has belonging to M. Beach, which he placed on the canal bank. had stopped handing, and as the ice belonged in it to him, and ordered my men to take it, so one lead was so delivered. When it took to ice I told Brannen's employee that if Mr. Beach was not entitled to the ice. I would pay Branco for it. The visue of a leaf of ice on the bank of the canal is about eight conts. There has been sn old grudge on Braruon's part against me bo cause I obtained a contract for himne Portner tee house, which work theanon had providual done. I saw Brancon scoon after taking the li orice and he claimed it as his procesty, and offered to pay him for it, but he rejused to a cent companisation, and said, 'I have been wanting for a long time to get a catch on you Ho then sued out a warrant for my arrest fra-Westen Green, colored. I voluntar y appear-He has come back already, or Ho is yet to come. and asked that the case be sent to court, while The Christian Church is generally agreed that request was refused. I saked for thing to deter such a second coming is clearly prophesied in the Bible, but for the most part it explains asked for an appeal, and after some difficulty the Bible, but for the most part it explains the appeal was granted. I am assessed with owa sad pay taxes on \$0,000 worth of rest and personal property in the county and \$1,00 h the city, and do not owe a dollar in the world The truth is, under existing laws any cloze however innocent and respectable is upject arrest, conviction and perpartial distranguisment by ignorant magnetrate, who are not on ignorant of the first principles of the end natural justice, but are scarcedy able to a pill out the words of the statute. I shall soon take steps to vindicate my character before an appropriate tribunal. LAMES LUNGAN ribunal. 'AMES L'UNGAY Alexandria, Va., Dec. 4, 1879

25 Injustice to Mr. Jes. Butes, for wh errest for trespuss a warrant was gotton by Ja Brannon on Wednesday Last, I desire to give the facts in the case. Mr. Brannon and I had rented the privilege of getting the gitte Alexrented the privilege of getting less of the Alexandria Canal—Brannen from the ske of Postner's ice house, north of what is called the "line
Pond," and extending northwarf to be ster's
bridge; I from rlater's bridge northward to the
stop teek at Pour Mile run. Mir brannen boat
used almest all the ice on the send rental by
him, and having more house to fit with ice,
more reached with a line of the send rental by
him, and having more house to fit with ice, met me on the street Monday nighthad request loge, &c. 1 referred him to Mr of the Alexandria Canal Co, to meange as to the price, and having received thanks of Mr. Brannon for the privilege loft himmed faw him informed me that he had out on my place north of the bridge, and, as I would no have quite enough of fee to fill up he offerd me a small strip near where Mr. Duncan we cutting for me to finish the amount needed I then saw cut on my place, but that a small trip was to be left to act as a barrier for retaining the cakes of ice which would dritt from when Brannon was cutting. I came in contact agail the same day with Brannon, and he told me he had about figiet. ed and when I saw Duncan as in I told bim 1 supposed there would be no objection to cutting away the whole strip, as Branch had gotten more ice from my place than tak left on the whole of his, and that Brannon had coased cuted by Justice Lovejoy for went of juri-diction On Thursday snother warrant not for trespess, but for marceny, was and out ly Brannon against Dancan and tried by Justice from (so ored) of tous decision, no appeal was sken, and the case will be tried by the court 17. Daneau, so far as 1 can learn, did nothing field I did not instruct him to do say my agen, and 1 authorized

Jonn S. Beach

his own accommedation.

Mr. Duncan to do n thir on Mr. Brannon's promesi, for which I did ft have Mr. Bran-

non's authority, given bylirannon himself for

List of Adders. The following is a list of he letters remaining in the Postoffice in thistity January 4 Persons calling for letter will say they are a vertised and give the ate of the list. If not called for within hirty days, they will be

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LIMIS YCLENZIE C. M. MACKIED. In Philadelphia, Jec'r 13, P73, CHARLES BALLENGER and REBEUUA N., daughter of E. C. Girbs, all & Fairesz co., Vs.

DIED. In Baltimore, enfriday, the Sd instant, in the 17th year of her age MAKY C. DULANEY, colored, daughter Henry and Cataatan Du-Her females have been brought laney. on to Alexandria but lilw but attour Le

parents' residence outhwest corner of St. Asspir and Franklin stres, to morrow (sunday): Lar no n at 3 o'clock Instringts of the family and invited to attend DIABIES # 1879

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